

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A combination with a threaded stud of a device for mounting a component on athe threaded stud, wherein the device comprises:

a main body section with a bore for inserting a stud;

a component mounting section, and

a plurality of pawls extending from an inner wall of the bore in a direction perpendicular to the axis of the bore before mounting, wherein

each of the pawls has a flexible thin section connected to the inner wall of the bore and a thick section extending from the thin section, wherein a pair of engaging sections for engaging threads of the stud are formed at the end of the thick section, and a pair of grooves are formed adjacent to the engaging sections for engaging threads, wherein the length (B) of the thick section of the pawls is greater than 1/2 the difference (A) between the inner diameter of the inner wall and the outer diameter of the stud, wherein the direction of the centerline of the pawls after mounting forms an angle β substantially less than 90° with respect to the direction of the centerline of the pawls before

mounting, and wherein the pawls can be bent in opposite directions at the thin sections for mounting on the stud from two directions.

2. (currently amended) A combination device for mounting a component on a threaded stud in accordance with claim 1, wherein a tip of each engaging section is arcuate so as to conform to the curvature of the threads.

3. (currently amended) A combination device for mounting a component on a threaded stud in accordance with claim 1, wherein the grooves are arcuate so as to conform to the curvature of the threads.

Claims 4-5 (cancelled)

6. (currently amended) ~~An attachment device according to Claim 5~~ An attachment device for a threaded stud, comprising a body having a bore for receiving the stud and a pawl connected by a hinge to an inner wall of the bore, wherein the pawl has a centerline extending in a direction substantially perpendicular to the axis of the bore before insertion of the stud in the bore and forming an angle of substantially less than 90° with respect to that direction

after insertion of the stud in the bore, wherein the pawl
has a pair of engaging sections at opposite sides of a
section of the pawl substantially thicker than a section of
the pawl forming the hinge, and has a pair of grooves
adjacent to respective engaging sections, each engaging
section being disposed for entering a space between
successive crests of threads of the stud while an adjacent
groove receives one of the crests of the thread,

~~wherein there are a pair of the engaging sections and a~~
~~pair of the grooves at opposite sides of the thicker section~~
~~of the pawl, whereby an engaging section and a groove can~~
~~engage the threaded stud irrespective of the direction of~~
~~insertion of the stud into the bore.~~

7. (original) An attachment device according to Claim 6, wherein tips of the engaging sections, and the grooves, are arcuate to conform to the curvature of the threads of the stud.

8. (previously presented) An attachment device according to Claim 7, wherein there are a pair of the pawls at opposite sides of the bore with hinge positions staggered axially of the bore.